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Radio-repairmen-to-be, detailed from all over the field area, are drawn from graduating classes of the Enlisted Communication Course of The Infantry School, will be supervised by the command of Colonel Robert H. Lord's first Student Training Regiment.

Students will spend two weeks in the classroom studying electricity, magnetism, and radio. They will be taught how to read the radio circuits that are invaluable aids in the field.

During the final four weeks of the course, students will work with the repair tools, testing equipment, and the actual use of the radio. The practical instruction will stress repairing military radios and keeping them operating under all "fighting conditions."

Heir-Raid

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Major Turbivill was with the Quartermaster of the Reception Center as commanding officer with the Highway Department of the State of Missouri at the time he entered the service. His first military assignment at Fort Benning was as a platoon leader.

Major Newton, executive officer, Second Battalion, STR, was with the Florida National Guard before coming to Fort Benning. He is a former newspaperman and has many years of experience in his home state.

Major Frye is operations and training officer for the STR, and in this capacity assists in carrying out the training phase of the STR program for the four battalions of trainees.

Major Reports to TIS After 22 Months Abroad

Major Bryce Alexander, who saw President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at the Casablanca Conference last year, has return from 22 month's service in Europe and Africa to attend an advance course at The Infantry School. He has been attached to the 1st Student Training Regiment's 18th Company, commanded by Captain Wesley N. Farrel.

The Army called him to active service in November 1940 at Camp Beuregard, La. Not long after Pearl Harbor, he was sent to London to help organize the American forces in the communications system there. His office cleared news stories, photographs, and radio broadcasts about the United States forces in Britain. In the course of his duties, Major Alexander caught glimpses of King George VI and General Eisenhower and Montgomery.

Miscalculation by the pilot and navigator brought his plane, carrying Charles Collingwood of Columbia Broadcasting, and other correspondents, over Spanish Moroccan territory. When they were over the town of La Roche, Spanish anti-aircraft crews opened up on Alexander's transport with light and heavy flak.

Captain Cole ripped through the plane, killing a Canadian commentator and wounding the ship's radio operator, but leaving Major Alexander untouched. Still able to fly, the craft got back on its course and reached Casablanca.



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New 3d STR Officers' Mess Now Operating

Somewhat ahead of schedule, the Officers Mess of the Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School "opened for business" Monday morning and now is serving an average of 80 meals daily. All officers who have taken meals in the new mess, are enthusiastic in their praise of the new arrangement.

Capt. Robert A. Lobdell is serving as mess officer for the regiment's new installation with Lieut. Edward W. Moeller, Jr., as assistant mess officer. The mess is

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Wounded Dischargees Can Be Reinducted

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS) The fact that a man has been wounded and discharged from service is no guarantee that he won't find himself back in uniform if he recovers. A number of men have been sent back into service by their draft boards after recovery from wounds following release from service, and a lot of former sergeants, corporals and pfc's found they were just buck privates again. Now the War Department has stepped in to rule

that a man re-drafted after discharge for wounds will enter the service with the same grade he held at the time of discharge.

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Soldier Voting Rules For 11 States Given

Information to facilitate voting by soldiers in 11 states during the primary elections in 1944, by Army personnel in those states, has been made available at military installations, the War Department announced.

Primaries will be held during the following states: Alabama, May 2; Florida, Indiana, Maryland, May 3; North Carolina, May 4; Oregon, South Dakota and Virginia, May 5. In each of the states, the state's absentee ballots will be used. Two states will issue "official war ballots" to soldier applicants. One state will make both types of ballots available.

Both the state absentee ballots and the "official war ballots" cover Federal and State offices, and offices of lesser jurisdiction such as county, and local, in all eleven states except Maryland, where no offices other than Federal will vote on.

Information issued to date is based on State and Federal laws as they existed at the time the information was issued. Soldiers were advised that Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, and Ohio were holding or may hold legislative sessions which may result in some change in the facts as given.

Commanding officers have been instructed by the War Department to call the primaries to the attention of men from the states concerned in time to give them maximum opportunity to complete all steps necessary for balloting. In addition, postage-free post card applications for ballots are made available, to be used as indicated in special instructions for each state. In lieu of these post cards, soldiers may write application letters, using the text of the instructions for primary ballots. Applicants for primary ballots must state their party affiliation. In addition to signing the applications, soldiers should print their names legibly and give their Army serial numbers.

IMPORTANT FACTORS

The War Department reminds army personnel of certain important factors. Under existing laws of these States, a voter must be at least 21 years old at the election date in order to vote (except in North Carolina where he must be 21 years old on or before Nov. 1, 1944). In certain of these states, voters must take certain steps, in addition to filing application for absentee ballots, in order to be eligible to vote. If a soldier is in doubt as to whether he is a qualified voter under the laws of his state, he should inquire immediately by letter to the secretary of state, of the state of his voting residence, as to whether it is necessary to register, pay taxes, or meet other requirements.

Persons in the military service are forbidden to attempt to influence any soldier in the exercise of his franchise.

A soldier, upon receiving his absentee ballot, should execute it and return it immediately. In his application to vote, a soldier outside the continental United States should have in mind the time interval between the date the ballot is sent and the absentee election, and the date by which it must be executed and back in

the hands of local election officials.

Special information for the 11 state primaries follows. In each case, the date by which applications should reach the proper official is identical with the earliest date on which the state will be mailing out blank ballots. Except as otherwise noted, ballots must be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by the date of the primary in which they are to be counted.

STATE RULES

ALABAMA—Date of first primary, May 2. Run-off primary, May 30. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with Alabama law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Montgomery, Ala., so as to reach Montgomery, Ala., on or as soon as possible after April 12; in the case of the run-off primary, on or as soon as possible after May 10. A separate application is necessary for each primary.

CALIFORNIA—Date of primary, May 16. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with California law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Sacramento, Calif., so as to reach Sacramento on or as soon as possible after April 6. Ballots must be received by appropriate local election officials by June 1.

FLORIDA—Date of primary, May 2. Run-off primary, May 23. Applications for "official war ballots" may be made by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla., so as to reach Tallahassee on or as soon as possible after March 18. One application will suffice for both primaries. The state will begin mailing ballots for the run-off primary May 12. If a soldier is not or has not been registered, his votes for Federal offices only will be counted.

INDIANA—Date of primary, May 2. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with Indiana law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Indianapolis, Ind., on which card the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as an application for state absentee ballot. The card should reach Indianapolis on or as soon as possible after April 17.

MARYLAND—Date of primary, May 3. Applications may be made either for "official war ballots" by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Annapolis, Md., or for state absentee ballots in accordance with Maryland law. In either case, the application should reach the appropriate official in Maryland on or as soon as possible after April 7. The "official war ballot" must be executed and received by the appropriate local election official by May 1; the state absentee ballot must be executed by May 2 and received by May 3.

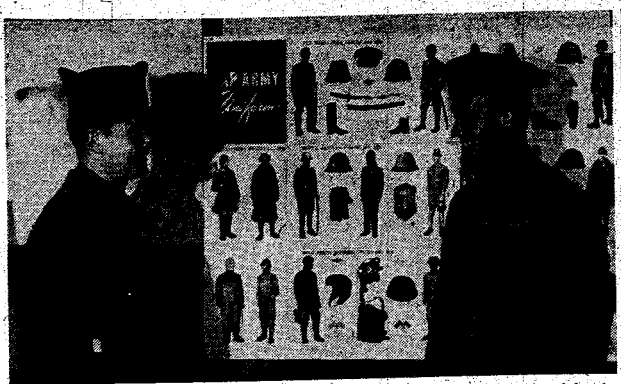
NEW JERSEY—Date of primary, May 16. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with New Jersey law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Trenton, N. J., so as to reach Trenton on or as soon as possible after February 19. Soldiers should write on the post cards that they wish the cards to be treated as requests for state absentee ballots or ballot applications.

NORTH CAROLINA—Date of primary, May 27. Application for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with North Carolina law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C., so as to reach Raleigh on or as soon as possible after April 1.

OHIO—Date of primary, May 3. Application may be made for state absentee ballots either in accordance with Ohio law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, so as to reach Columbus on or as soon as possible after April 9. The ballot should be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 5.

OREGON—Date of primary, May 15. Application may be made for state absentee ballots either in accordance with Oregon law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, so as to reach Salem on or as soon as possible after April 8. Ballots must be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 15.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Date of primary, May 2. Application for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with South Dakota law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Pierre, S. D., so as to reach Pierre on or as soon as possible after April 10. The ballot must be executed not earlier than



1ST SGTS. FRANCIS J. NOONAN (left) and LESTER W. CARLSON traveled and fought in the Pacific Theater in the same Infantry regiment, but did not meet personally until they were both assigned to the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, last week. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Ferguson.)

Truckmen Honor G. Washington

A tribute to General George Washington, America's first president, was paid by more than three hundred soldiers of the Infantry School's Truck Regiment, who assembled in War Department Theatre Number 11, last Sunday morning at the call of Regimental Chaplain Martin J. Hendrich.

Representing various units within the regiment, these men were privileged to hear one of the finest programs staged by the regiment. The regular Sabbath Day order of worship was effected and, in addition, very fine vocal solos were rendered by Lt. Robert C. Long, Officer-in-charge of Service Club No. 5, and Corporal Walter Brown, of the Regimental Detachment.

Chaplain Hendrich gave a message on George Washington, emphasizing that great person's virtues and showing in those good qualities evidence of a close relationship with things of a spiritual nature. Closing this brief but impressive message, the chaplain suggested that his listeners, though serving in the armed forces, follow more closely the teachings and examples of this country's first president—General George Washington.

The 1942 farm crops of the nation were harvested with 28,000,000 fewer persons than would have been required if the methods of 1840 were still in use.

April 17 and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 2.

WEST VIRGINIA—Date of primary, May 9. Application for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with West Virginia law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Charleston, W. Va., so as to reach Charleston on or as soon as possible after February 19. Soldiers should write on the post cards that they wish the cards to be treated as requests for state absentee ballots or ballot applications.

GI's in Same Battles, Meet First at Benning

They served in the same regiment in Australia and New Caledonia, fought in the same engagements in Guadalcanal, and landed in the Fiji Islands on the same day—but 1st Sgts. Lester W. Carlson and Francis J. Noonan did not meet "personally" until they came to the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, last week. Carlson has taken over 1st Sgt. Plunk's job in G Company, while Noonan will replace 1st Sgt. Devin in Company D.

Sgt. Carlson was a milk jobber in Chicago when he enlisted in the National Guard in October, 1940. The following March his outfit was inducted into Federal service, and sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn., where he rose to the rank of first sergeant of regimental headquarters company by July.

Noonan of Kansas City, Mo., was working for a meat concern in Chicago when he was drafted in April, 1941. After his basic at Camp Croft, S. C., he joined Carlson's regiment in August. Shortly after Pearl Harbor their division became part of a task force that left for Australia, and then occupied New Caledonia.

JUNGLE COMBAT

They found the colony under the control of the Free French, so what might have developed into an invasion became instead a matter of co-operation with De Gaulle's forces in building up the island bases. But nobody had any doubts about what to expect at the next island—Guadalcanal. Noonan and Carlson were in the

thick of the jungle fighting for almost three months.

Noonan was a platoon leader in a crack battalion in the task force that made a second landing behind the Jap lines at Esperance during the final stage of the battle. Carlson's headquarters unit was "relatively" to the rear—he recalls a few tight days when the

Japs had actually infiltrated all the way back to within 25 feet of the rear command post of the regiment.

Despite the fact that they earned their battle stars from the famous "Casual Deal," Carlson insists that the worst thing he can remember about combat in the Asiatic theater was the day the division was sailing from Guadalcanal toward a new assignment.

"Our unit was quartered below decks when the convoy was attacked by 100 Jap planes," Carlson says grimly. "And a guy who loves lead doesn't feel so hot when something like that happens."

After they reached the Fiji Islands, Noonan was sent back to the States as a cadreman, winding up at Benning last October. Carlson stayed at Fiji on an "occupation job," which involved many months of new training, but he, too, wound up at Benning, two months after Noonan.

AND HIM UP

One day Sgt. Carlson came over to see Maj. Jared, Academic Regiment executive officer, about his new job, and was amazed to hear that he had a "buddy" coming into the same outfit with him whom he had never met.

"I went right back to Harmony Church and looked him up," Sgt. Carlson grins, and they've been good friends ever since.

When men who haven't as yet been overseas ask these two vets for advice, they are told to pay strict attention to their training. "There's nothing that happens

The Bayonet, Thursday, March 2, 1944

Infantry Mortar WSB Radio Topic

On Monday, 6 March 1944, on the WSB, Atlanta, radio program, "Salute to the Services," there will be another program in The Infantry School's "Thirteen Weapons of War" series. The story of

in combat that a man can say he didn't learn in training," Sgt. Carlson points out.

"And be in good condition," Noonan warns. "Health is the most important thing in jungle warfare."

"You'll sometimes be scared in action," Carlson says, "but you'll find that your training instills confidence and overcomes your fear. After awhile, as a result of your training, you act automatically and stay cool in combat."

the Infantry Mortar will be told, and in connection with it, the taking of the city of Saffi in French Morocco by one company of American Infantrymen under the command of Captain Gordon Symphon. Captain Symphon, who will appear on the program, was awarded the Silver Star for his gallantry in action. He is an instructor in the Tactical Section of The Infantry School.

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GENERAL L. JOSEPH STILWELL,
Commander, U. S. Army in China, Burma, and India

Post Hq. Points Way In Red Cross Drive

"As goes Maine, so goes the nation" has long been the political straw in the wind indicating the possible trend of national elections in this country. "As goes post headquarters, so goes the entire garrison" we hope will be the straw in the wind indicating the outcome of the present Red Cross War Fund drive.

Post Headquarters this year happens to be the focal point for the drive with Lt. Colonel J. D. Rosenberger, Jr., post adjutant, as executive chairman of the campaign. Post Headquarters was a beehive of activity last week-end with a pre-drive Red Cross campaign among officers and the result was a 100 per cent, all-out contribution of \$340 or an average of \$9.00 per officer. Last year the total was approximately \$150 with an average of \$6.00 per officer.

The total for the entire reservation last year was better than \$33,000. Now we believe it safe to say that if Post Headquarters has increased its donation by 50 per cent then the post as a whole will probably do much better than the \$33,000 given in 1943.

Reports on pre-drive contributions in downtown Columbus indicate that gifts to the Red Cross in general are much larger than last year. All of which indicates that the American people are well aware of the worthiness of the Red Cross as a ministering angel of mercy in time of duress or peace.

We sincerely hope that no soldier at Fort Benning will fail to avail himself of the opportunity of contributing to the Red Cross for in helping this organization he is helping himself.

A Soldier Discourses On Real Orientation

"Orientation," said one of our sergeants the other day, "starts when you orient yourself." Sure thing, if the war of arms is our war, the war of ideas is ours even more. And whatever orientation programs are organized for us will get nowhere fast unless we "orient ourselves."

Just the same, we welcome the attempts being made to take care of the war of ideas on the T. O. And since it is of such close concern to us it is not inappropriate for us to submit our thinking on the subject.

We can set ourselves an objective. Every man in every unit fully indoctrinated in the war of ideas. His philosophical equipment, commensurate with his armor. Every man accompanied into battle by a knowledgeable faith in the future of his homeland, and a realistic assurance what his sacrifice will achieve for the world of his loved ones. Every man prepared to bring to his post-war responsibilities a constructive program of ordered democracy.

For such an objective the chief means would be oriented men. And the next question for us is: What kind of men are available for expediting the supply?

By carefully combing through the Army there are to be found men of a certain type that might bear investigation. These are their qualifications:

1. Exceptionally good soldiers all the way around as judged by their commanding officers and their units. Needless to say they would not otherwise be even mentioned in connection with orientation.

2. A long history of unremitting volunteer effort in the interest of national preparedness and unity, and particularly of achievement in bringing teamwork to industries and communities.

3. Top-notch ability, perfect integrity, unwavering patriotism.

4. Propaganda-proof ideological understanding, devotion to the spiritual heritage of America, wide experience in countering subversive influences, the complete confidence of trusted national leaders who know them and their work.

5. Men of this type already killed in action have in all cases left exceptional affection, admiration and commendation in the hearts and on the lips and in the dispatches of those who fought

with them. Those now on the battlefields are demonstrating wholly distinct value. And along with their precursors those now awaiting overseas assignments are held in high regard not only for picking the tough jobs and working hard but even more for eliciting a team spirit and giving a lead in constructive thinking.

Such men, not more than a handful, much prized as they are in their respective units, are known to be capable of training thousands in the thinking necessary to answer walkouts, slowdowns, absenteeism, price wars and general home front bottlenecks of human form, and may be an important unexploited means of orientation for thousands of Army units.

One thing goes for all of us. To pass the buck of orientation is to foster a monster recrudescence of "isms" after the war. Along with our hope that its orientation can be put in qualified hands must be the determination of each of us to set our own compasses on the new world for which we fight.

Pvt. Miles Phillimore,
23rd Co., 1st STR.

A Soldier's Thoughts Are Homeward Turned

As I sit at my battle station
And longingly glance to the sea,
I pray for my precious letters
That mean all in the world to me.

How they comfort my aching heartbeat
And soothe this stifling pain—
When I finish the beautiful phrases,
And lovingly read the name.

For they come from my precious darling
Who's waiting and praying for me;
While I sit at my battle station
Over beyond the sea.

Over beyond the sunset,
That kisses her world goodbye;
Then rises again to frown on
My world where men suffer and die.

So God in this moment of anguish,
In this world filled with battle and strife—
Grant me an idle moment
To dream of my beautiful wife.

And then when that moment has sped
May my thoughts once again turn to war—
'Till the day when those letters are answered,
By my gentle rap on her door.

Cpl. Robert Gordon Lyall
10th Co. 6th Tns. Regt.
A. S. T. P.

A SOLDIER'S FAITH

Let me go across the seas,
Let me smell the salt of ocean breeze,
Let my rifle rest along my side,
Let my heart in faith abide.

Let me face the foe on battlefield,
Let the Christ on High be my Shield,
Let me fight without a fear,
Let the hand of love and truth be near.

If I should fall on foreign soil,
Admire the smoke of hell and spout,
With sweat and blood and grime upon my face,
Let there be the best to take my place.

Let my torn remains be crowned with earth,
Let my rifle stand ahead my grave,
Carve upon the stock my name and birth,
Symbols of that for which I died to save.

If perchance upon the spaded sod,
There should lie a faded letter
Bearing these words so neatly penned,
"I, each night in my memories
I stroll by the mill
With you at my side..."
Tell her that all is well,
For I was called home to God.

Sergeant Robert J. Shaver.

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

A LITTLE APPLE POLISH DOES
WONDERS FOR PRIVATE SAWGRASS

By S-SGT. TOM McDONALD
As soon as Private Sawgrass appeared at the office this morning I directed him to the nearest available chair and proceeded to orient him in regard to "office politics." While he was in OC school our commanding officer insinuated several drastic changes into his routine that I felt Sawgrass should be aware of. Particularly the recent return of Colonel Swampwater's semi-dormant art talent.

"Sawgrass," I say, "while you have been gone the Ol' Boy has been doing something which you as an 'old army man' will no doubt tend to look down. To be specific he has been neglecting his military affairs in order to paint pictures."

"Hell's bells, Sergeant!" gasped Sawgrass, "you don't mean that 'goldilocks' has gone 'batty' with the brush?"

"I'm afraid that's it," I replied reverently.

"What in the hell is he trying to do?"

"Well as far as I can tell, Sawgrass, I think he is dabbling on a watercolor which he called 'Home on Furlough.' His theory is that if he can mix watercolor, axle grease, cigarette ashes, and toilet water into an acceptable painting medium, that he will be lionized by the art world and thus enable himself to be in line for a wider range of banquet speaking invitations. With ration points and the chewing gum shortage being what it is, he feels that it is all exceptionally wise."

"Gad-a-mighty, Sergeant! I'm a great mind to prefer charges against him and report him to the General Quagmire himself. In OC school they done taught me that anybody in the army what gold-bricked and neglected his duty the way Ol' T. P. has been a dorn' lately should certainly have the fear of contamination scared into him. If I hadn't been kicked out of OC school and branded as a failure I'd do something about it!"

"I admire your veracity, Sawgrass, but you shouldn't let your better judgment get the best of you. If a full colonel wants to paint, then as far as we are concerned he has a perfect right to do so. If you want to realize your life-long ambition and make PFC you've got to use the old psychology. No matter how bitter you feel about getting bounced out of OC school or how upset you are concerning the obnoxious amount of 'goldbricking,' you've just got to keep smiling, pat everybody on the back and hope for the best!"

"That's what them English folks call 'muddling through,' ain't it, Sergeant?"

"That's pretty close to hitting the nail on the head, Sawgrass, but the general term is 'playing politics.'"

"Sort of like stumping speaking and baby kissing, ain't it?" added Sawgrass.

"Well, in a sense, yes, but

getting back to Colonel Swampwater and hanging on to your remote chance of making PFC, our current predicament calls for an overdose of this old reliable. Instead of your preferring charges against him and getting yourself in one hell of a mess, why not go in and use a little 'apple polish' on the old boy? He thrives on it."

"It ain't military like," puzzled Sawgrass.

"No, but you want to be a success, don't you, and make PFC?"

"Naturally, Sergeant."

"Well all you've got to do is to go into the inner sanctum and rave about his painting. Spread the barney on so thick the Ol' Boy will think he is a second Diego Rivera."

"Well, I reckon it's worth a try, Sergeant. Will you come in with me?"

After knocking on the Ol' Boy's door, saluting and being questionably admitted, Sawgrass began his attack.

"Good morning, Sir," he said, "Isn't it a mighty fine morning for dabbling off a pretty picture?"

"Er why 'er it certainly is, Sawgrass," replied Colonel Swampwater, slightly surprised by the sugary tone of Private Sawgrass's voice.

"A man is liable to turn out a masterpiece on a day like this, ain't he, Sir," Sawgrass continued. "Why I may be able to 'er, I mean it's quite possible. You two men may step over here and have a look at my latest creation if you wish."

As we turned to look at it Sawgrass opened up with both barrels:

"How truly great, Sir. I can hardly believe that such a masterpiece has been done by such a great soldier."

"Why 'er thank you, Sawgrass, I never realized that you were such an authority in the field of painting?"

"Oh, yes, sir," I interjected, "Sawgrass was well imbued with the latest trends during his tour of duty in Harmony Church."

"That's fine, mem. I'm glad to know that I have such conscientious and discerning talent on my staff. Why who knows one of you may be a distinguished art critic someday."

"It will only be because me and the Sergeant has been able to be seeing a great man like you, work, Sir," added Sawgrass.

"No doubt with your superior art knowledge you two men can discern the beautiful hidden undertones I mean undertones of 'Home on Furlough.'"

"It is too utterly subtle and divine," prompted Sawgrass.

"A tribute to the ages," I added.

"Well, really, mem?" the old boy beamed. "It thrills me to learn that I have such a brilliant duo at my elbow. Your depth and pulchritude of sensitivity is most stimulating. With so many noble and gracious thoughts in your heads, I'm sure you both must be

Chaplain's Corner..

Chaplain J. W. Westerman

TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

There are few people who have not known the words of the Twenty-third Psalm; and no one can deny the fact that it is the most popular of all the psalms:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou annunciatest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Now, after having read it again, let me ask, what can any one add to this psalm to enhance its beauty? What comment can be made that will not rather detract from its beauty and perfection? But, we can do as a jeweler, who must display a gem so perfect that no setting which he could make could do it justice. We can take this perfect gem of the Bible and turn it in this direction or that, in the light of the Scriptures, trusting that we will then, behold new beauties, new rays of truth in this familiar Psalm.

Here, in the words of the Twenty-third Psalm, David has produced a psalm that has dried more tears, dispelled more fear and charmed away more griefs than all the philosophy of the world. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Go to church Sunday!

Overwhelmed with aesthetic stimulation. Suppose you both take the afternoon off and return to work about noon tomorrow. Joyful recreation will add even more discernment to your infallible critical ability!"

"Thank you, Sir," we said, at the same time edging smoothly out of the office, before he could get wise and change his mind. When we had reached the barracks, grabbed our belongings, and managed to get across the curtain without being called back, Sawgrass turned to me and said:

"I would, if you will allow me, I would like to shake your hand and let you know how much I admire your 'foxhole ability.'"

"Why certainly, Sawgrass, think nothing of it. Suppose we stroll over to the Patio Grill and have a couple of rounds."

"Nothing would please me more, Sergeant. There ain't nothing like a mug or two to aid the sensiti-

Key Says

ANTICIPATION CERTAINLY DIMS IN THE PALE LIGHT OF REALIZATION

For some weeks I had been all it's better to get dressed and looking forward to getting away from the trivium of every-day living. I'd reserved a room in a good hotel, and I had visions of leisurely rising, breakfast in bed, slumber undisturbed by long distance telephone calls or the urgent demands of a small boy for a drink of water. The mere thought of once more sleeping on an inner-spring mattress, after two years of G. I. beds, was enough to fill my soul with joy.

As usual, however, anticipation exceeded realization. True enough there was the hotel room, complete with inner-spring mattress and all the rest of it. But I'd forgotten that hotels are crowded these days, that chambermaids are few and far between, and that the laundries are overworked. My room bore signs of its last visitors, and it was only after much persuasion that a chambermaid finally condescended to put the room into some sort of order.

I'd also forgotten that Fort Benning is a relatively quiet place in spite of early morning risers and late telephone calls. The rumble of trucks no longer disturbs me, but I've grown unaccustomed to the screaming brakes of street cars. Someone decided to roll out the garbage cans just when the street cars had calmed down a bit, and all night long a freight elevator wended its merry way up to expectations, either. If you have the luxury of a tray you find its contents sliding precariously as you gingerly rearrange your knees, and if you resort to a table you find yourself propped on one elbow until your arm goes to sleep. Besides, the coffee gets cold and the toast get rubbery, and all in heart.

Nestled on my inner-spring mattress I started to worry as to whether anyone had remembered to put out the milk bottles, get the clothes from the cleaners, disinfect cuts that a small boy falls heir to, or get the clothes ready for the laundress. In fact, my load of worries became so great that it was a relief to forsake my sanctity of escape and get back once more to the myriad duties which compose my every-day existence. No, I wouldn't say my flight from reality was a complete success. Perhaps it never is. Perhaps it takes longer than three days to separate oneself from one's normal existence. Or perhaps I should have fortified myself with a pair of binoculars to shut off the neon lights and ear mufflers to deaden unusual noises. Or perhaps I'm a country girl at the toast get rubbery, and all in heart.

USO Presents—

CRAFT ROOM FOR CREATIVE ART, DANCE CLASSES, VARIETY SHOW LEAD WAY

By PFC. LOUISE WILHE
The Army-Navy YMCA USO, 14 West 11th Street, is expanding its program for G.I.s who are interested in the creative arts. The club has a new supply of all kinds of materials for drawing and painting, and a craft room, also stocked with supplies, is being opened.

These facilities are available to service men at all times, but Friday has been set aside as the special night for soldiers interested in painting, writing, and other creative work.

Two dances are scheduled at this USO during the coming week. The first is on Saturday night, and the other on Tuesday, both at 8:30. Benning time. The 176th Infantry Dance Orchestra will provide music on Tuesday night.

The "Army Hour" broadcast Sunday from 5 to 5:30 will feature talent from the ASTP, with Sgt. John Austrian in charge.

A new series of dance classes will begin Tuesday night at 8:30 at the Ninth Street USO. Beginners and those who want to brush up on their dancing are invited to drop around to Club Room No. 3 for instruction. There'll be a teacher and plenty of assistants.

The Wynnton Study Club will take over the Hostess Hour at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at the Salvation Army USO, 1323 Broadway. Club members will serve sandwiches, cake and coffee to soldiers who come in, and there'll be a pianist to provide entertainment.

Miss Marcelle Hudson of the Wynnton Baptist Church will lead the vespers service this Sunday at 8:15 at the YWCA time.

Highlight of the week's program at the Negro YMCA USO, 936 Fifth Avenue, will be a buffet supper Friday night honoring the club's volunteer workers. The supper will begin at 8 o'clock (Columbus time).

Clerk asked what business the ladies would be on, and Barry, thinking, replied "Why, they're coming here for Monkeyshines, of course." Whereupon the clerk frostily said "But, my dear Corporal, we most assuredly cannot tolerate any monkeyshines in this hotel."

WAC Pfc. Wille comes up with a gripe this week. Claims that the people at Soda Shop and Main Exchange are selling Kleenex to pals while poor sufferers who actually have colds are told there ain't none of the stuff. She thinks that there might be some form of priority arranged on the scarce commodity. Being a handkerchief addict, my self, I can't really get awfully excited about it.

Folks who want their faces lifted. Need to have their thinking shifted. It's worry, fear and mental lag that make our facial muscles sag.

Nobody could figure exactly what difference it would make if a guy was dead, but the Sarge felt pretty emphatic about it.

Corp. E. Barry Sturmer, wavy-haired, blue-eyed Adonis of the Special Service Office (as we've termed him before) was slightly taken aback when he called a Columbus hotel to make reservations for a couple of actresses from the show "Monkey Shines."

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"I called the Employment Agency for men and look what they sent me!"

SPORTSCASTING

By SGT. CARL NEU

IS BENNING BOXING DEAD?

The story elsewhere on this page about the forced delay in the sport's forthcoming ring tourney because of lack of entries certainly isn't a pretty one. Nor is it one that we'd care to see in print anywhere outside the outposts of the reservation. Can't you imagine the disbelief that would sweep across the face of outsiders if they were told that at Fort Benning (America's greatest military post) officials couldn't round up enough red-blooded lads to stage a boxing tournament.

Yet that's exactly what we are forced to print this week. There's one possible loop-hole. Perhaps the lads have just been careless about sending in their entries. Perhaps they've been so busy rounding into shape that they've forgotten to send them. We like to gloat about both of those possibilities, but honestly we don't believe them.

Actually, we feel there's something radically wrong somewhere. Athletic officials have gone to great pains in making plans for this tourney. Awards in the form of gold and silver glove trophies have been secured, and they've gladdened the heart of any ringman. Facilities for boxing are excellent, competent officials are always on hand for bouts, great crowds always turn out, and winners are often hailed as heroes by the men in their own units.

It's a well-set-up for any guy who has ever done any organized boxing, and there's plenty of opportunity in the novice class for the new Army chaplain to cuff to amateur leagues. Of course, the fly in the ointment is that perhaps a unit's training program won't permit the potential champ to get time off to train. Okay—and so what? Most of the best Army boxers we ever saw did their training on their own time because they loved to mix it up in the squared circle. They loved the smell of sweat-soaked gloves, and the feel of a fast canvas underneath, and the yells of the crowd. They loved boxing!

If in peacetime days when the sport's population was one-ump-thousand, it's possible that they could stage boxing tournaments that had plenty of entries, why can't they do it today? Are we getting the new Army incapable of crawling through the ropes and battling it out with another guy who wears the same style coat tags?

The answer, of course, is no—and that's been proven time and again at Bataan, Guadalcanal, Bataan, Salerno, Cassino and anywhere else the Yanks have encountered the enemy. Well, then, what's the matter at Benning?

We've got our share of punchers in the downtown juke joints and halls of slime. Maybe the reason they're not boxing is that they've got a gang of buddies ready to pitch in and help. Well, if they're so anxious to sock somebody on the button, why don't they have the guts to crawl through the ropes of a boxing ring and let us all watch them. After all, the capacity of the juke joints is limited.

Then, too, there's the barracks variety "toughie." You know him. He's the guy who at the least has a little square in round form or mess hall is always ready to give someone outside "on the green." Most of the time, he's looking for one who will take him up. Well, if he wants to show off his muscles, here's his chance.

And don't let anybody kid you. There are plenty of guys hanging around, too! Why haven't they entered this tourney? And the greatest mystery in Benning sportsdom. We've got the best damned athletes in the nation in everything except boxing, which it seems to me should be foremost of any Army post, where above all else, men live and breathe fighting.

Let's go on the beam and into this tourney. And the rest of you guys who by this time are slumping back on your cots, fighting this trade is directed against some one else, remember this. It may be only one man's opinion, but believe me the shoe fits it on—and a pair of padded mitts as well!

Lawson Field's aroused court machine set a new high-water mark for basket scoring in the Fort Benning League on Monday night at the Harmony Church sports arena when the Fliers posted a 112-44 victory over the 33rd Engineers of the 7th Armored Division.

Averaging almost three points per minute, the air force tossers gave a dazzling display of accuracy, as they racked up their 30th win in 31 league games this season. The only Lawson defeat came in the post loop where they have won ten out of eleven. Their record in the USO loop in Columbus is 15-5.

The one-sided Monday win placed the Fliers just a half game behind the loop-leading Paratroopers. Schoolmen who handed Lawson their only loss a couple weeks back. That defeat shattered Lawson's game win streak for the Fliers, but they are now winning along on a new eight-game run.

At the time of their loss to the Troopers, Lawson was playing its fourth game in as many days since they were also involved in USO play-offs at the time. The loss seemed to be a tonic, however, and they began winning again.

Against the hapless Engineers, who aren't really as weak as the lacing indicated, the Fliers were unstoppable. They jumped into a 16-8 lead in the first quarter and boosted it to 50-17 at halftime. By three-quarter time, they had piled up 71 points but the last quarter saw the real sport when the Troopers ripped the nets for 41 points, better than four per minute.

Bill Metcalfe, top scorer of the F. B. League's first half which averaged 34.4 points a minute, was the only player to score in double figures.

Other Monday night tussles saw the 1st STR Wolves flash a strong attack at the post game against the ASP Leaders in a close game, 48-41, while the strong 252nd Field Artillery maintained its second-place tie with an easy win over the Station Hospital. Later, Panovich paced the Wolves with 21 and 18 points, respectively.

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Cage Loop Races Delays Ring Tourney

Deadline for Boxing Entries Is Moved Back Until Next Thursday

Big Crowd Sees Boxing Matches In 7th Armored

By PVT. RALPH ROGERS

Boxing received a rousing reception at the Sand Hill Service Club last Thursday night when a program of five bouts was presented under the direction of the Seventh Armored Division Special Service Unit.

The SRO (standing room only) sign was hung out early as upwards of 500 fans filled the sparsely equipped club.

Every available seat in the house was occupied a half-hour before the first bout was scheduled.

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Only 28 Punchers Sign Up For Post Elimination Test

Lack of a sufficient number of entries to stage a full-fledged ring tourney has forced the postponement for one week of the deadline for entries in the post's forthcoming Golden Gloves Tourney.

It was revealed last night when the tourney was held at the 135th Hospital on Monday night.

Six draws and two decisions rounded out the boxing program sponsored by the largest medical unit in training at Fort Benning.

Continuing New York State Intercollegiate Boxing Champion, Captain Francis D. Brown, 220 pounds, went two rounds with Lt. Donald McIntyre who weighed in at 155.

Pitting a doctor, Brown, against a medical administrative officer, McIntyre, drew the delighted attention and appreciation of the spectators.

Former burlesque comedian Joe C. Como and Sgt. Louis Nayotte, who had been a fight trainer in civilian life, produced that show under the direction of Lt. Roland A. Johnson, special service officer of the 135th.

Between rounds, Como gave the audience a sample of his 42nd Street routines, and spread the good news of a dance the outfit is throwing St. Patrick's day.

Technical knockout of the evening was administered by Physician Richard West to Kitchen Helper Lloyd W. Foley in the first minute of round one, middleweight classification.

Pvt. Como Granola of the Pneumonia Ward won the referee's nod over Pvt. Frank Szymanski of the Mess Section at 170 pounds. Another decision bout had Carlos Shutt of the Operating Room taking Kenneth Hertel of the Operating Room, while their boss, Capt. Brown, refereed.

Thrown in for good measure was a wrestling bout, called out by the Operating Room, and Pvt. George Krupke, Post Operative, defeated Pvt. D. Dobrowsky, 130 pounds.

Superior boxing in the 140 pound class was exhibited by P. Earl Bunting, 140, who defeated P. Reuben C. Parris, 140, in the first round.

Other draws included Basic Trainee Pvt. Clyde May, 130 pounds, and Sgt. Marvin May, 130 pounds, and Sgt. Marvin May, 130 pounds, and Sgt. Marvin May, 130 pounds.

Plans continue. The encouraging entry list so far, officials are moving ahead with plans for the tourney. Valuable awards in the form of initiative medals and silver trophies have been secured, and there is plenty of opportunity for punchers in any of the four announced classes.

So, remember, ringmen, it's still in your hands. You have the perfect chance for prizes and glory and a coveted Fort Benning boxing title for the 1943-44 season. Get your entries in at once!

135th Hospital Holds Exciting Boxing Tourney

By PFC. PIERCE A. CORYELL

A technical knockout and an exhibition bout by a former intercollegiate champion highlighted the under-the-stars Boxing Show of the 135th General Hospital on Monday night.

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John, known as "Tiny" because he is six-foot-four and weighs in at about two-hundred, is the Golden Boy of the Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School. Aside from being the National Intercollegiate Heavyweight Boxing champion and titleholder at Camp Wolters, Texas, "Tiny" leans heavily toward longhair music. "Beethoven has really knocked out some solid stuff," says the champ. "When I was a kid I played the violin for several years and I really go for the three B's."

Candidate John does not mean beer, blondes, and barrelhouse. Well, there are lots of just plain big OCs; in fact only the other day we overheard a "70" say: "That candidate is too big for his breeches," and considering the headspace in those size 48 shoes he peddle at the book store, that's very big. But what if it is so, as he noticed was beauty as well as brawn. Yep, Tiny John was flashing his blue eyes, his engaging smile to go with his music. Like Victor (how DO you spell that, huh?), Tiny is a gorgeous OC.

EX-BADGER

A Phi Delit halling from the Wisconsin at Madison, Tiny John won the heavyweight crown at the NCAA meet there in 1943. He was also present at the 1944 National Intercollegiate Heavyweight Boxing championship and general prowess, an unusual distinction.

Interesting to sports fans is the fact that Tiny John knows intimately such big ring names as Joe Louis, Tommy Gibbons and Ray Charles. He has even been tried to lure Candidate John into the diamond studied ring at Madison Garden, but "Tiny" is more interested in slugging it out for Uncle Sam as a platoon leader for the Queen of Battles.

The First Battalion, Truck Regiment, The Infantry School, announces an open ping-pong tournament beginning on March 7th and staged in the day room of the 349th Quartermaster Truck Company.

This tournament is the first in a series of tournaments to be staged within a Truck Regiment to determine eligible players to compete with representatives of the Service Battalion of the Third Student Training Regiment and the 144th Quartermaster Battalion.

The entry list for the tournament includes the following players in the battalion signed up and among the "experts" are Staff Sgt. Henry Johnson, Sgt. Louis Celestine,

TIS Students Hear 'Saga of Company E'

The history of Company E of a certain U. S. Infantry regiment is the subject of a National Guard unit which was hastily thrown into a jungle battle in New Guinea with little or no training for combat of that sort. It's the story of a company that crossed the Owen Stanley mountains, a grueling 49-day march that ended with a series of battles for Buna.

Lt. Paul Lutgens was a member of that company and it was the "best damned company in the Army." Assigned by the War Department to tell the story of Company E to instructors of various service schools, Lt. Lutgens has just completed a series of lectures at The Infantry School.



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By Phyllis

The rationing of footwear has been quite a problem for many of us, especially women who are definitely "hard" on their shoes. The MONTGOMERY WARD COMPANY has come to the rescue of such women by declaring a clearance sale of many of their formerly rationed shoes. This clearance footwear has been reduced almost half in price and is presently non-rationed. This alone is a most important point to consider.

A popular brown and black leather, smooth or crushed, offer high or low heeled styles with excellent quality leather shoes. Important, also, in this clearance display are white sport shoes in medium and low heeled styles. As is customary with all Montgomery Ward merchandise, these shoes are excellent values in every way. The fact that they are on clearance sale merely adds to their attractiveness. If you need new shoes, and most women do, visit this complete department store and take advantage of this non-rationed footwear.

To help you keep going at a brisk clip these active days, the MILLER-TAYLOR SHOE COMPANY suggest casual and play-dressed styles with such well-known names as Joyce, Daniel Green, Easy-Goers and Penallo. These have proved to be the most popular lines in America as far as sports shoes are concerned. These shoes, offering the utmost in comfort and style, are, for the most part, designed in a wide variety of colors. Whether you prefer to wear brown or red or green or any other color, you will find them in this array of quality play shoes. You'll also be delighted with the incomparable comfort of each of these outstanding values. Each time you wear a pair of Miller-Taylor play shoes, and you'll wear them for many months, you'll fully understand why they are the outstanding choice of women interested in comfortable and well-styled casual footwear.

Definite signs of warm weather descending on residents of Columbus and Fort Benning makes all of us grateful for the frosted drapes and enticing sandwiches dispensed with a flourish by the CITY PHARMACY. The cool, clean and cheerful atmosphere of this, Columbus' most complete drugstore, does much to dispel thoughts about how high the thermometer will register. Not only does the soda fountain attract one and all, but the prescription department is the haven of those in need of medical supplies, or those particularly interested in having prescriptions accurately compounded. The wide variety of well-known brands of eye drops, colognes and perfumes, so attractively displayed, make the makeup section another particular point of interest in this go-to-the-city shop. If you want an appetizing snack, pharmaceutical supplies, cosmetics, smoking equipment, and so on, you'll find them all of the highest quality at the popular City Pharmacy.

There is still just enough time for you to visit the AIME DUPONT STUDIO in Columbus and make arrangements to have your photographic portraits made to give as Easter surprises to your loved ones. Now, more than ever, this popular photographic studio is most interested in doing photography of the finest type. The popularity of this studio is alone definite proof that each "shot" results in truly lifelike photographs. Noticeably lacking in



THE ROLE OF THE INFANTRY is portrayed in this graphic mural by Staff Sgt. George A. Cooke (center), of the Reproduction Plant Staff of The Infantry School. The mural is seven feet by eleven, and required a year of research and painting to complete. Viewing the finished product is Brig. Gen. George H. Weenis (left), Assistant Commandant, and Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel (right), Commandant of The Infantry School. (Official U. S. Army Photo - The Infantry School.)

Gen. Uhl Lauds Polio Campaign

Men, women and children at Fort Benning have been highly commended for their "fine humanitarian spirit" in contributing \$11,338.86 to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis "March of Dimes" by Major General Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command.

General Uhl's congratulations were extended in a letter to Mrs. John H. McFall, who served as chairman of the Benning drive. "It has just been brought to my attention," General Uhl wrote, "that the sum of \$11,338.86 was raised this year, 1944, on a purely voluntary basis, in the 'March of Dimes' campaign at Fort Benning, Georgia—an amount nearly seven (7) times as great as was contributed in 1943 and over thirty-seven (37) times as great as in 1942. This is, indeed, a splendid achievement and demonstrates the 'Good Samaritan' spirit of the loyal men, women and children, both military and civilian, stationed at Fort Benning—one that reflects great credit on you as the leader and organizer of this splendid achievement in the home of the Infantry School."

"This letter is being written both to congratulate you and to commend you for the conspicuous service you have rendered."

Chairman of the Fort Benning "March of Dimes" campaign and to ask that you express the appreciation of myself and the Fourth Service Command through appropriate channels, to the men, women and children of Fort Benning."

March 15 Tax Deadline Is Nigh

"Income tax returns and payments due for 1943 must be filed on or before March 15, Capt. John W. Inzer, post income tax officer, warned today. Returns postmarked before midnight of that date are considered filed on time. Regardless of their 1943 income, service men and women stationed in this country are required to file a return if they paid tax over a tax on 1942 income. The Japs' crawling across the ring around three sides of Buna and Buna Mission and eventually captured those places. Then we moved up the coast to Gona and the going was easier.

"All through that long march over the mountains, the men uttered no complaint. They knew they were in for a tough deal and made the best of it. They were game to the core. On the journey I lost just one man who died of fever."

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Headquarters Company of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, proved that the men who punch typewriters are pretty good shots, too.

Captain Albert P. Cunningham and Lieutenant Leo W. O'Leary, who tutored the 1st STR cadets through five weeks of grueling, monotonous "dry shooting," found compensation for their efforts in qualifying 50 per cent of their men as sharpshooters or experts on the firing range recently. Only one man of the group of 53 failed to qualify.

At 500 yards, two men scored eight bulls-eyes, a "possible." Staff Sergeant Luther Alderman, supply sergeant of the 1st STR's

5th Company and high-scoring for this group, turned up with 187 points out of a possible 210.

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"Zell Talks." "Definitely not," said the 14th Company Officers' Training Center's commanding officer, Lt. Col. G. R. The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., told me. "There's the danger of trust."

Well, there are plenty of stories that are told by the day-drone companies (with bars instead of "We Fixt Garage") on their coveralls), during the ten-minute break between classes each night in the barracks get plenty of laughs—straight dope or not—and they're usually anecdotes; subject of most of them is about the slow witted private, G. I.

"Well, you could get someone to read them to you. The corporal can read. A lot of these men would be glad to do it."

"Why, then, don't you let them?" cried the bewildered lieutenant.

"There's no need wasting their time," says the private shrugged his shoulders. "It's just a waste of my folks, and when they write me, I know 'pretty well what they're going to say."

Another 14th company officer tells one about the bunch of new recruits who had just arrived at

"One of the officers tells a story that goes like this: When the day morning came, the men were ordered up in the barracks, they wanted to snap to attention when the inspecting officer entered the barracks. The equipment was spread out on the floor in front of the bunk beds. In every array on the bunks, foot lockers were open to display the equipment that was shown. There is an article in the paper that says that the equipment was polished, straight line in each bunk—and every bar in racks bag bulged with equipment. The inspecting officer made the rounds in five minutes. The officer inspected one man after another until he came to talk, rank and name. He was told that he had a rifle but could not read or write. While the private stood at attention, the lieutenant examined the rifle. Then he looked at his equipment. The lieutenant took a look at his open foot locker. In the top lay a stack of letters, neatly folded. He saw that none of the letters had been opened. "You haven't opened any of these letters," the lieutenant said. "Can you read?" "No, sir." "No, such."

A self-imposed silence, strict as military censorship, surrounded the members of the Los Angeles and Southern California chapter in Officers' Advanced Class of the 2nd Co., 1st STR, following publication of the article in the Los Angeles Post falling in their weather-conscious city recently.

The customary epithets assailing the Sunny South's climate were not heard Wednesday morning as the members of the chapter gathered in the gymnasium and stood knee-deep in mud and mud before going out to run through The Infantry School's famed "Hells-a-poppin'" problem.

They have said that they would make up the allegations contained in the newspaper story which has been called to my attention no less than 83 times this morning," declared Captain Leroy B. Tinkham speaking with as much pent up emotion as a native Wolverine turned Californian could.

He added that the local press probably was influenced by Florida propagandists, and that he would have nothing to say until he had received confirmation or denial from a reliable source, by mail.

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Paanis, like faithful pooches and homing pigeons, have a way of traveling hundreds of miles to rejoin their masters. It was the way of the dog for Lieutenant John N. Pederson, West Allis, Wis., now studying at the University of Wisconsin, the 13th Company of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School.

"While I was at Camp Grant, Ill., I turned in a pair of olive drab trousers because I had no top to wear in the waist," relates the lieutenant. Before he got another pair in exchange, he was transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash.

"At Fort Lewis, they finally handed me another pair of olive drab trousers. I looked at the waistband and found . . . my own serial number. This time the pants were a perfect fit."

In addition to increased pay for roll purchases, the Medical Hospital purchased for cash, a total of \$43,650 in war bonds during the fourth War Bond Drive. The total cost was \$25,000. Tech. Sgt. G. W. Purdie and Sgt. A. C. Saterfield were outstanding. The former turned in a total of \$4,375 and the latter a total of \$3,475 with a total sales of \$7,850. A prize was awarded to each.

In all previous war bond drives the Medics have exceeded their standing record in view of the fact that the strength of this organization has recently been reduced.

The Detachment closed its successful campaign Tuesday night with a "Smoker" major attraction. The outstanding officers of the Detachment, addressed the members during the "Smoker," thanking them for their splendid cooperation in helping to make this fourth War Bond Drive in the Detachment such a huge success.

There were a number of guests and them excitedly spied on "Montrez vos pieces d'identite." He will be merely asking that you present your identification card in French.

There is every reason to believe that an MP may forget himself and address in French, judging from the conscientious manner the Division's Military Police Platoon is going about learning their French. Not only do the MP receive an hour's schooling each day, but their barracks chatter consists largely of the foreign language.

French is the first of various foreign languages to be taught the Military Police and the Division Orientation Section, headed by Lt. Harold E. Swann.

According to Lt. Swann, the MP platoon has displayed amazing interest in the course. The daily average attendance is 40 men.

Accustomed to receiving men from all over the nation and world for training as officer candidates, the 8th Cavalry Regiment has a commitment of the Infantry School in recent weeks has been "host" to a new group of recruits from all subjects. Composing this new class are enlisted men who have come to Fort Benning from the various branches of the Army. The first of these classes closed Feb. 18 and on Feb. 22 the second class of recruits was sworn into the company of the regiment to which the men are attached for quarters and transportation. Each class runs for just three weeks.

Trainees come from all over the country where cannon companies are stationed. The training in the course, while brief, is concentrated, covering all phases of operation, and transportation of the "108".

The men get an intensive classroom session in theory and problems involving transportation of the guns across streams, cleaning and

church, Chaplain S. A. Shain announces.

Following the service, commemorating the victory of Queen Elizabeth over Haman, enemy of the Jews, the 8th Cavalry will accept tendered by the Columbus Jewish Welfare board. Refreshments will include traditional Jewish delicacies.

Transportation will be available at 7:30 p. m. from the 8th Cavalry Regiment to take men to the first three battalions to the service and at Theater No. 8, Road 10, for the 4th Cavalry. The ASTP Log Cabin at 7:45 p. m.

Men from the Main Post will be transported to the 8th Cavalry Children's School at 7:30 p. m.

It was also announced that Colonel Wm. H. Hays, Jr., commanding the 8th Cavalry, will speak at Jewish services Friday night, March 3. Col. Hobson's topic will be "The Cavalryman's Religion" and will be held in Children's School beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Chaplain Shain stated that plans

Most of the field work is carried out at considerable distance from the company area. Capt. George J. Hutcherson is commanding officer of the company. There has been no abatement in the company's familiar Officers Cannon Course which provides added training in the heavy guns for commissioned officers.

Synthetic resins are now supplied to life boats for making sea water drinkable, a pound of resin treating from four to six pints of water.

to inspect uniforms of members of their commands before departing on and upon return from pass through.

The Shell Oil Variety Show will present a small troupe of top-notch performers who will give two performances at Lawson Field Recreation Center, 608 W. Lexington, Monday, March 2nd at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

This company of performers who are sponsored by the Shell Oil Company have been on an intensive tour of military installations throughout the country. They have received plaudits from soldiers and sailors wherever they have appeared for their very entertaining presentation.

In addition to their appearances at Lawson Field the troupe will give special performances at Reception Center and the Officers Club at Sikeston Air Base. Admission to both shows will be free, gratis and nothing to all military personnel.

Every soldier in the Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment had a chance to contribute to the war effort, and thanks to the efforts of Lieutenant James R. Pendergast, who directed the regiment's drive, and the operation of representatives in the company, in the organization.

A few days before, Lieutenant Pendergast had met with officers from 1st STR companies to let them know how eager Colonel Robert H. Lord, commanding officer, was to see the 1st STR in action in the plans for the 1944 appeal.

By payday, the regiment's first membership had learned the job the American Red Cross was doing and about the need for its pressing need for funds. On payday table in every orderly room 1st STR G. Is found collected

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He was a visitor to The Infantry School at Fort Benning, on one occasion, he delivered an impromptu talk to members of an Officer Candidate class from The Student Training Regiment.

Concerning the land mine, the colonel reported, "I did a very foolish thing, you know. Drove a tank over it. I was in the lead and it blew us all to blazes." He

American and British methods of anti-tank defenses were almost identical. The British, he said, use no anti-tank schools, that training was conducted within the regular tank units. The Americans use anti-tank defense was conducted under the supervision of the artillery.

"Tank warfare in the desert is a guile, a battle of wits," he said. "The terrain acts as you have here at Fort Benning," he said. "There wasn't much cover. Two important things about the desert are that there is no rain and the selection of positions is the guns and the coordination among the gun crews within it."

Colonel Colchester witnessed several problems and demonstrations during his visit to the

mel's Afrika Korps. His battalion had a few engagements with the Germans in which the anti-tank guns proved very effective. Later on when the German Tiger tanks appeared, the British had the American M-7 tank destroyers and the 105 howitzers proved to be the answer to the big German tanks, particularly at El Alamein.

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Sullivan's first outfit was the 16-21st Lancers, a cavalry outfit. After a short time he was transferred to a Scout Heavy machine gun unit. During this tour of five months he was chosen to instruct on the Vickers heavy machine gun. Then he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as an investigator of Military Criminal Affairs. In a very short time he was promoted to a sergeant in the RCMP.

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He then submitted an application for the British Intelligence Field Security. His application was accepted in October, 1940.

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After a refresher course at the Intelligence Training Center he went into a training division for the first reconnaissance in force of the Dieppe raid. In a very short time the division was rigorously trained for this dangerous task. Finally the day arrived for the raid and his position was to make the landing at Pourville on the left flank. As expected, dive bombers and shore bombardment met the landing barges. Sullivan's first barge was sunk by Jerry fire and he and his detachment swam to another barge and landed.

It was here that he received his machine gun and barbed wire wounds. His detachment went eight miles into France and destroyed their objective. Returning to the beachhead, he reported his barge had been sunk. He was told to get anything that floated and take it. When about 50 yards from the barge he planned to take a Jerry dive bomber destroyed it. He swam to another barge, and in his words, "beat it to hell home."

After the raid he was placed in a key position in the British Intelligence where he served until February, 1943, when he enlisted in the army of the United States as a sergeant. Later he was promoted to staff sergeant in the Intelligence Division. While serving in this capacity he received an OCS appointment from Captain William B. Templeton. He left England and arrived in the United States late in 1943. He wears six service ribbons for his combat thus far.

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"HELLO, SON." "HELLO, MOM." And that was the greeting of Lt. Madeline G. Nelson, assistant personnel officer of the First Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, to her son, Master Sergeant Robert B. Nelson, Flight Chief in the Air Force, stationed at Lakeland, Florida. The occasion was a stop over at Fort Benning by Sgt. Nelson who was returning to his station from furlough. The Nelsons live at 131-56 226th Street in Long Island City, New York. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

LITTLE STUPE
A cartoon illustration showing a soldier in a trench, looking up at a large, stylized figure of a soldier in the sky, possibly representing a bomber or a large aircraft.

demie Regiment, bringing in two new top sergeants from combat and sending out the first old-timer to topkick for reassignment. According to regimental headquarters, it is merely one of the first moves in the Academic Regiment's prompt and thorough compliance with the Army's order on re-assignment of overhead personnel and troops that have been stationed at fixed installations for more than a year.

1st Sgt. Trot, true to the tradition of old Army men, "ribbed" about his age and enlisted in 1917 when he was only 15 years. He served 17 months in Siberia, witnessed several battles between the White Tzarist troops and the Red Army. During 1920 his outfit visited Shanghai, Japan, and the Philippines, where Trot played baseball on Corregidor Island. He came to Benning in 1925 and has been with the Infantry School ever since. Prominent in sports circles, he has won many bowling cups and helped design the Post Bowling Alley, of which he was once the manager. A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Trot, who is unmarried, expects to settle down in his home state after the war.

SGT. DEVLIN
Sgt. Devlin was supervisor of the Motor Vehicle Service, Post Office Department for 20 counties surrounding Pittsburgh before he enlisted in June, 1942, at the age of 44. He was clerk of D Company last October, when Sgt. Plunk was transferred to Company G, and Devlin was raised from Tee 4 to topkick, the only two ratings he's ever held. He has two sons in service, one a bomber pilot in the South Pacific. A widower, Devlin says that the Army is now his home, and his family's home.

After eight years in uniform, Sgt. Plunk will see his original request for foreign service, made on his first enlistment, finally granted. A native of Adamsville, Tenn., Plunk has served three years in the artillery and six with the Infantry, and has played on three champion Pro baseball teams. He is married and has one baby son.

1st Sgt. Boggs, of Douglas, Ga., has studied medicine at Georgia University and Georgia Southwestern, and at the time of his enlistment two years ago was working as a bookkeeper. He lives in Baker Village with his wife and 14-months old son.

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Sarge Married Army, Loved Her for 22 Years

By PVT. LAWRENCE MURPHY
GIs can just about their buddies "finding a home in the army" or becoming "30-year men," but with Tech. Sgt. Abe Tobin of the 7th Armored division Headquarters Reserve Command it is no laughing matter. He has spent 22 years in the service of his country and is rightfully proud of the seven "hash marks" or service stripes he wears on his blouse.

He would take 10 million dollars for my life in the army," he tells fellow soldiers. And by way of explanation of the fact that he still single, he adds simply "I married the army."

Born in the Russian town of Ostrov under Czar Nicholas, he came to the United States 43 years ago with his parents who settled in Chicago, Ill. Today his father, Joseph Tobin, lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Sgt. Tobin is a professional soldier and proud of it. He is proud of the uniform he wears which to him is symbolic of all that America stands for, particularly freedom and democracy.

REFULSUE MEXICANS
He enlisted, the first time, in June, 1917, at Chicago and was stationed first at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and then at Nogales, Ariz. Assigned to the newly formed 35th Infantry Regiment, he soon saw action on the Mexican border when his outfit helped repulse an attack on Nogales by Mexican soldiers led (it was later learned) by German officers in August, 1918.

He never got to see action across though because his outfit and the 19th Infantry Regiment were the two units kept in this country to guard the border.

After the war he was honorably discharged into civilian life only to return a year later to the same outfit in his old outfit which moved to Schofield Barracks, T. H. In 1923 he became a civilian again, this time for four years when he worked as a salesman in Chicago.

But four years was enough of civilian life for Sgt. Tobin who always had nostalgic memories of his soldiering days.

INFANTRY HIS HEART
He is an infantryman at heart, even now in the "Lucky 7th" but up until July 10, 1940, when the Armored Force was born, had ai

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As a reward shortly after his return to Fort Benning, Corporal Hare was awarded a Good Conduct Medal and has the distinction of being the first so honored in the Headquarters of the Regiment since activation of Truck Regiment in December 1942.

Corporal Hare was inducted in January of 1941 and at the time was a student at the famous Hampton Institute in Virginia. He major subjects were biology and chemistry. The files of Regimental Headquarters have been inspected by many other units on the Post.

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